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Rancho Cucamonga Man Arrested for Vehicle Theft

San Bernardino, CA - On October 28, 2008, Bayandre Valentine Lewis, 34, of Rancho Cucamonga, was arrested at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse by investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit and Rancho Cucamonga Sheriff's Deputies. Lewis was taken into custody after appearing in Court on an unrelated fraud offense.

Lewis, who in 2006 operated a now defunct mortgage brokerage called Baylyfe Mortgage in Upland, Ca., is currently accused of supplying a forged satisfaction of lien document to an escrow company during a refinance transaction in order to circumvent the payment of a civil judgment. Prosecutors allege that in late July 2008, while he was out of custody on a bail bond, Lewis provided false credit documentation and checks with insufficient funds to Crown Toyota in Ontario in order to secure the purchase of a used 2008 F350 pick-up. The amount financed was in excess of \$40,000.00. Lewis refused to return the vehicle for several weeks, and it was ultimately located and repossessed from the Victoria Gardens mall parking lot on October 8, 2008.

Lewis was arrested without incident and booked into the Sheriff's West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga for CVC-10851(a) Vehicle theft and PC 459-Commercial Burglary. His bail was set at \$525,000.

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